

**FIRE-RESCUE FACILITIES BOND ISSUE
BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
City of Fort Lauderdale
100 North Andrews Avenue
8th Floor Conference Room
Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33301
March 19, 2009 - 6:00 p.m.**

Board Member	Attendance	1/2009 through 12/2009 Cumulative Attendance	
		P	A
Thornie Jarrett, Chair	P	2	0
Don Bastedo	P	1	1
Steve Kirsch	P	2	0
Allan Kozich	P	2	0
Patrick McTigue	P	2	0
June Page	P	2	0
Douglas Ruth	P	2	0
Norman Thabit	A	0	2

Staff

Eric Pologruto, Division Chief
Frank Snedaker, City Architect
Mark Friedman, City Construction Manager
Albert Carbon, Director Public Works Department
J. Opperee, ProtoType Services Recording Clerk

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Jarrett called the meeting of the Fire-Rescue Bond Blue Ribbon Committee to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes: February 2009

Motion made by Mr. Kirsch, seconded by Ms. Page, to approve the minutes of the Board's February 2009 meeting. Upon voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

3. Quorum Reduction Legislation

Mr. Carbon explained that the Code had been amended to indicate that a quorum for some City advisory boards was now calculated based on *appointed* members. Since this Board had eight appointed members, a quorum was five. There were currently two vacancies on the Board.

Mr. Carbon reminded the Board that the new City Commission had met for the first time for a conference meeting. They had discussed how a board could draw the Commission's attention to an item they wished to emphasize. Mr. Carbon suggested mentioning urgent items first in the Board's minutes.

Chair Jarrett pointed out that desire for more input from advisory boards had been a campaign issue. Chair Jarrett advised individual members to contact Commissioners themselves about issues they felt were important. He wanted to provide new Commissioners with copies of the Board's last few annual reports.

4. Staff Liaison Report

Station 3

Mr. Carbon stated they had not received the contracts back from DiPompeo Construction. He hoped they could beat the schedule.

Station 8

Mr. Carbon said there had been no progress finding a site. He stated the real estate people had shown them four contiguous properties that totaled approximately one acre. The City wanted to pay approximately \$1 million but the seller wanted \$2.5 million.

Chair Jarrett said the owner of the Brownies property had informed him that the adjacent property owner wanted to sell his property as well. Mr. Carbon said he would let the real estate people know.

Station 13

Mr. Carbon had received an email from the State that this had gone up another level of management, and this person would send the letter to Antioch College. Mr. Carbon explained that the State was unsure how to contact Antioch College since they had stopped holding classes in 2007. He said the State was following the proper procedure for notifying Antioch College regarding the land grant.

Station 29

Mr. Friedman reported the second floor slab was set that day. He remarked it was going very well.

Station 35

Mr. Carbon said this was moving along; the church had held it's ground-breaking ceremony on March 1. The church was currently remodeling the second floor of their facility so they could move out of the building the City wanted to demolish for the new fire station.

Mr. Bastedo asked if there were drawings the Board could look at. Mr. Snedaker explained the plans had been submitted to DRC. He agreed to send floor plans to Mr. Carbon to distribute to Board members.

Station 46

Mr. Carbon reported they had completed the submittal to the Broward County Planning Council to relocate Station 46 to Mills Pond Park. The submittal included a promise that the existing site of Station 46 would be converted to open space. The request would be heard by the Planning Council on April 23. Chair Jarrett recalled that at their previous meeting, the Board had suggested that site might be used for a rescue Station or support facility for the Fire Department.

Mr. Carbon said the Planning Council representative indicated that unless the City identified property to be converted to park land as a swap, they would not accept the application. There was discussion of dedicating some land in South Middle River for the parkland, but there were unresolved ownership issues with that property. Once those ownership issues were resolved, they would swap the South Middle River property for the existing Station 46 property, and they could use the old Station 46 property for a rescue Station.

Mr. Carbon confirmed for Mr. Kirsch that improvements to the existing Station 46 property would be paid for out of CIP funds, not bond funds.

Station 49

Mr. Carbon informed the Board that the documents were in the City Manager's office. He said construction of the temporary station should begin the second or third week in April.

Station 54

Mr. Carbon had met with one of the property owners regarding the property swap. He was awaiting a letter indicating whether or not the owners would accept the conditions.

5. Member Discussion Items

Mr. Ruth asked if any construction companies were having difficulty obtaining insurance. Mr. Carbon said they were not. Mr. Snedaker said they had 38 new pre-qualified contractors.

Ms. Page suggested that new Board members be advised to read the audit and the annual reports. Mr. Carbon agreed to forward these items to new Board members with their packets.

Chair Jarrett suggested the Board create a memorandum next month for the new Commission to remind them of issues the Board felt were important. He felt Board members should operate on the assumption they would be reappointed.

Mr. Kirsch asked what would happen to the money from the Sunrise lot, and if this money could be used toward the purchase of land for Fire Station 8. Mr. Carbon said this would be a Commission decision.

Chair Jarrett asked Mr. Snedaker what size lot they would need for a two-story station with the required parking area. Mr. Snedaker estimated approximately 35,000 square feet, depending on the site configuration and road access. He said the Mills Pond Park lot was 52,000 square feet, for a one story expanded three-bay station. Chair Jarrett wondered if it would be more cost effective to build a one-story station on a larger lot than to build a two-story station on a smaller lot. Mr. Carbon said he and Mr. Snedaker would work this out when they had specific piece of property to consider.

Board members agreed to wait until next month to send the City Commission a memo describing issues they felt were important. In the meantime, Chair Jarrett advised Board members to create a list of items to include in this memo.

6. Adjournment

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Next regular meeting: April 16, 2009

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at
7:02 p.m.

Attachments:

- Financial Report
- Minutes – February 2009
- Fire Station Monthly Reports
- Program schedule

[Minutes prepared by J. Opperee, Prototype, Inc.]